

**SIAC Health Subcommittee Meeting**  
**Monday, November 19, 2012**  
**2:30pm – 4:30pm**  
**33 W. Monroe, Chicago – 24th Floor**  
**Conference call in number: 888-494-4032**  
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**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions – 2:30pm** **Janine Lewis**

**II. Review Meeting Minutes – 2:40pm**

Health Subcommittee members review the draft meeting minutes from 10.10.12. Meeting minutes are approved and submitted to the Governor's office of Early Childhood Development.

**III. Updates – 2:45pm**

**Janine Lewis**

Janine Lewis announces new Health Subcommittee Co-Chair, Adam Becker from CLOCC.

DCFS Licensing and Health Meeting outcomes and next steps:

Members discuss the licensing rule making process that DCFS has initiated and the role of the Health Subcommittee will have in making recommendations for improving health standards. DCFS is currently undergoing internal and external reviews for foundational safety and credentialing standards. They are also considering past recommendations from the Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee and the ELC for adoption in the rule changes. They will be receiving recommendations from the Health Subcommittee for making improvements in health standards, specifically around obesity prevention and oral health standards. DCFS will also be reviewing parts of Rule 407 that currently should be put in procedure and will be considering the same process for changes recommended by the ELC. After Rule 407 has been revised and approved, DCFS is unsure about whether they will continue with revisions to other child care rules (e.g. home and group child care centers).

An early childhood programs and health matrix is currently being developed by staff at the Ounce of Prevention. Christy will email the identified health areas for the matrix for feedback from the Health Subcommittee. A first draft of the matrices will be available to review by the Health Subcommittee meeting in January.

**IV. Revisit Subcommittee Charge – 3:15pm**

**Adam Becker**

**Health Subcommittee Charge:** Lack of health care and prevention services or delays in treating health problems can negatively affect children's cognitive, emotional, behavioral and physical development and their ability to learn. The Health Subcommittee will develop strategies for 1) integrating health care coordination across early childhood systems and for

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2) addressing gaps in health care services in order to support children's healthy development and school readiness. The Health Subcommittee will also define measurable outcomes for accomplishing these work priorities. The Health Subcommittee will report to the Systems Integration and Alignment Committee regarding work products and recommendations, and approved recommendations will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Early Learning Council.

Feedback from the group regarding the Health Subcommittee charge includes:

- To think about replacing the phrase “care coordination” in our charge and work plan with something more specific to early childhood so medical professionals don't think that early childcare providers are actually coordinating health care for children (i.e. the phrase should not be confusing or suggest alternative meanings)
- To include the main focus on the charge on every meeting agenda in order to remind the group of our charge.

**V. Revisit Draft Health Subcommittee Work Plan – 3:45pm**

**Adam Becker**

- a. Discuss action steps**
- b. Discuss additional revisions and/or next steps**

The group reviews the Work Plan and decides to discuss the Oral Health and Obesity Prevention objectives outside of the regular meetings. Health Subcommittee members and Christy will convene Oral Health and Obesity Prevention Ad Hoc groups to discuss revisions to the work plan around the health objectives.

There was discussion that many external groups and organizations are already moving various health initiatives and that the Health Subcommittee should communicate with these groups to make sure work is not being duplicated and to ensure that work is being aligned across efforts in the same health area. Further, the Health Subcommittee could potentially act as a table to promote efforts of integration and alignment of work that is happening at external tables. This could be a great benefit to groups seeking to bolster momentum for their work since the Health Subcommittee has been charged by the Early Learning Council to assist in integrating and aligning systems that support child health.

The group also decides that the word “coordination” needs to be removed or reworded from the work plan objective(s) in the Health Subcommittee work plan. The group agrees that the early childhood providers are not expected to coordinate care for children, but to understand how to interact with health systems: to recognize when a child's health needs are being met and to ensure that the child is connecting with health systems.

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The group discusses the potential of researching whether there has been an analysis or survey done around what providers perceive as being the largest barriers to ensuring that the health needs of the children they serve are being met. Christy and other members will investigate if such analysis or survey exists. The group agrees that this is important information to have in order to better help providers.

**VI. Next Steps – 4:15pm**

**Janine Lewis**

- a. Next meeting December 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30**
- b. Work to be conducted and who is responsible**
  - i. Early Childhood Programs and Health Matrix**
    - 1. In development (Christy Serrano and Brooke Fisher)
  - ii. Revisit Objective 1 on work plan and share revisions with the group at the next meeting (Janine, Adam, Christy)**
  - iii. Convene Oral health ad hoc group (Christy)**
  - iv. Convene Obesity prevention ad hoc (Christy)**
  - v. Request for feedback on other health topics for 407 (Christy send out)**
  - vi. Christy will follow up with INCRRAA regarding a provider survey; Karen Freel will look for “Unmet Needs” study**

**Handouts:** Meeting Agenda; DRAFT Meeting Minutes (10/10/12); DRAFT Health Subcommittee Work Plan (Subcommittee Charge included)